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PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No.: 99-120_4

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December 15, 1999

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation-in-part application under 35 USC §120 and 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/271,069, filed March 17, 1999 of MICHAEL A. A'HEARN, THOMAS J. HAJEK, SR., LARRY W. LORIMOR, DANIEL T. MATHER, and SRIKRISHNAN T. TOLAPPA for HYDRAULIC CIRCUIT HAVING PRESSURE EQUILIZATION DURING REGENERATION.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS FILED

| FOR | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | FEE |
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| TOTAL CLAIMS | 16 - 20 | = 0 | x \$18 | 0.00 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 1 - 3 | = 0 | x \$78 | 0.00 |
| | | BASIC FEE | | \$760.00 |
| | | FILING FEE | | \$760.00 |

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §1.16 and §1.17 which may be required during the pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 03-1129. Two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

[X] Abandon said pending prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.

Also enclosed are:

[X] 4 sheet(s) of drawings.

[X] The prior application is assigned to: Caterpillar Inc. and a new Assignment enclosed herewith is of common assignment.

[] Declaration not enclosed.

[] Material information pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56.

[X] The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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